

Transcript of remarks by CE at media session

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, at a media session after the reception in celebration of the 69th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China held by the Compatriots of Commercial and Industrial Circles of Hong Kong today (September 14).

Reporter: Mrs Lam, we see that the Government is actually getting ready early to prepare for this storm and is bracing for the strong impact. Why is the Government taking such a cautious approach? Are you afraid this might actually cause people to panic more? And also, will important infrastructure such as express rail or West Kowloon terminus or even the bridge infrastructure be under danger under the strong winds?

Chief Executive: We are taking every step to prepare Hong Kong for this typhoon because we are advised that this is a super typhoon. If you read the news, both local and overseas news, you will see that this is really a very big storm, and over the last few months, including up to this moment, parts of the world are also affected by very severe typhoons. So, in Hong Kong we have a duty as the Government to make all the necessary preparations. The preparations include mobilising all the relevant departments to take precautionary measures, and also include, during the typhoon, we need to be able to respond effectively in order to mitigate any damage or any loss of life and injuries. And the third prong of our strategy is, after the typhoon, I have given the instruction that we should restore the city back to its normal state as soon as possible.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)